Foundation Communities, Inc. Austin, TX

Project Title Foundation Communities IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$103,500

Nonfederal Support \$143,500

Project Period September 2002 – September 2007

Highlights Foundation Communities (FC) is expanding its existing

AFI Project to offer 50 additional IDAs. The match rate is \$2 to \$1 for homeownership, starting a small business, or post-secondary education. The maximum match is \$1,800 in participant savings over 36 months. Financial and home ownership courses are taught in English and Spanish. Childcare services are provided in addition to core

training.

Target Population Residents of FC's eight affordable housing communities in

Austin, Texas.

Grantee/Collaborative Description FC is an affordale housing organization that established the

first IDA program in Texas. Support services for IDA holders starting their own business are provided by

BigAustin, a partnering organization. Compass Bank is the financial institution partner and has given \$40,000 to help

with administrative costs.